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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 BLANCA PATRICIA REYNA, RAUL
15 VILLALPANDO-VALLE, and ANA
16 MARIA ALONSO-MANZO,

17 Defendants.

Criminal Case No. 07-MJ-2815-RBB

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER OF
DETENTION**

18 In accordance with § 3142(f) of the Bail Reform Act of 1984 (18 U.S.C. § 3141 et seq.),
19 a detention hearing was held on December 11, 2007, to determine whether defendant Ana Maria
20 Alonso-Manzo (the "Defendant") should be held in custody pending trial, on the grounds that
21 Defendant is a flight risk. Assistant U.S. Attorney George Manahan appeared on behalf of the
22 United States; attorney James Winston Gleave appeared on behalf of the Defendant.

23 Based on the evidence proffered by the United States and Defendant, the pretrial services
24 report, and the complaint, the Court concludes that the following facts establish by a
25 preponderance of the evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably
26 assure the appearance of the Defendant as required.

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I.**FINDINGS OF FACT****A. Nature and Circumstances of the Offense Charged (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(1))**

1. Defendant is charged in a complaint with one count of importation of cocaine -- 7.45 kilograms -- in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 952 and 960.

2. Because a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. § 951 et seq.), a presumption arises that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the Defendant as required. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

3. If convicted of this charge, the Defendant faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment. 21 U.S.C. § 960(b)(1)(B).

4. Therefore, the Court finds the nature and circumstances of the offense charged weighs in favor of detention.

B. Weight of the Evidence Against the Defendant (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(2))

1. On December 4, 2007, Defendant entered the United States from Mexico at the San Ysidro, California port of entry, as a passenger in a 2006 Scion XB Sports Utility Vehicle.

2. Insider the vehicle was 7.45 kilograms of cocaine.

3. While admittedly the least important factor, the Court finds that probable cause exists that the defendant committed the instant offense and that this factor weighs in favor of detention.

C. History and Characteristics of the Defendant (18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)(3))

1. Due to the lack of evidence with regard to Defendant's character, this factor is treated as neutral by the Court;

2. Due to the lack of evidence with regard to Defendant's physical and mental condition, this factor is treated as neutral by the Court;

3. Because most of Defendant's family ties are in Mexico, this factor weighs in favor of detention;

4. Because Defendant is employed in Mexico, this factor weighs in favor of detention;

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III.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant be detained pending trial in this matter.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant be committed to the custody of the Attorney General or her designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel.

While in custody, upon order of a court of the United States or upon the request of an attorney for the United States, the person in charge of the correctional facility shall deliver the Defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding or any other appearance stipulated to by defense and government counsel.

THIS ORDER IS ENTERED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 13, 2007


The Honorable Ruben B. Brooks
United States Magistrate Judge

Prepared by:

s/George V. Manahan
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Assistant U.S. Attorney